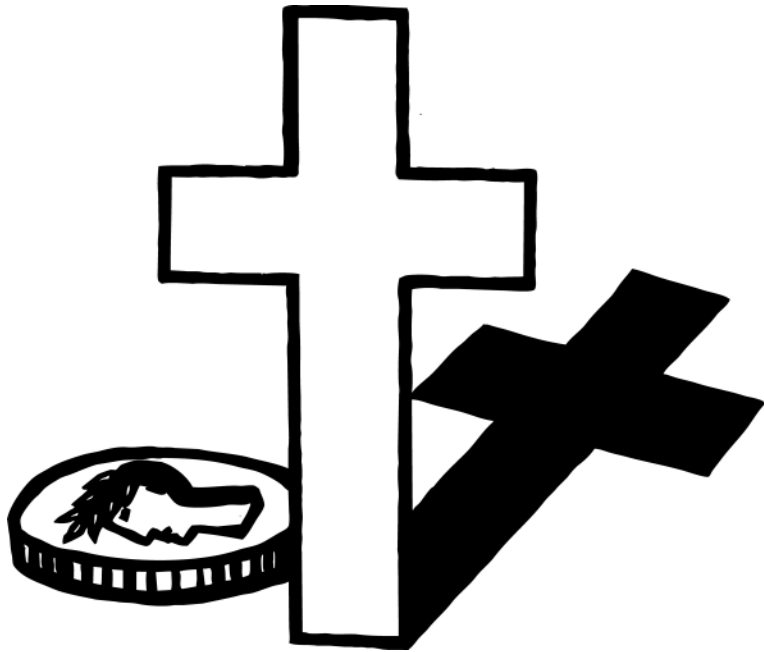


*TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER
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OCTOBER 18, 2026
8:30 AM*



Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church
Reinholds, Pennsylvania

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH

Guests are welcome and invited to make themselves at home. If you're interested in learning more about Swamp Lutheran, have questions, or are looking for a church home, speak with Pastor Scott or church members. Please complete a visitor card and place it in the offering plate or sign guest register in narthex.

Restrooms are located off the narthex (lobby) by the coat rack.

The worship service is printed in this bulletin. **Hymns** are found in the red hymnal Evangelical Lutheran Worship. **Children's** active presence is welcomed in our worship. There are special kids bulletins available in the narthex and at the side entrance.

Offering plates are passed. Additionally, there is an offering drop box in the narthex. Online giving via cell phone is easy and secure. Just use this QR code from your phone's camera app.



Our worship is rooted in the ancient pattern of the church—gathering, word, meal, sending. The shape of this liturgy and much of the actual words/prayers come directly from scripture. Though we make seasonal shifts, the constancy of our worship reflects God's constant love and promises through forgiveness, scripture, and the sacraments of baptism and communion. Following this liturgical pattern, as well as the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year cycle of scripture readings, connects us through our worship with Christians around the world and throughout time.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive **Holy Communion**. We believe "Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink." (Small Catechism, Martin Luther) Children who do not yet receive Holy Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Website – Be sure and check our website www.swamplutheran.org regularly for updates and schedules of ongoing activities of the church. Full prayer list is in the newsletter each month.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

PRELUDE

OH, SING TO THE LORD

J.WAYNE KERR

congregational responses are in bold type.

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

YOU SERVANTS OF GOD

ELW 825

GREETING

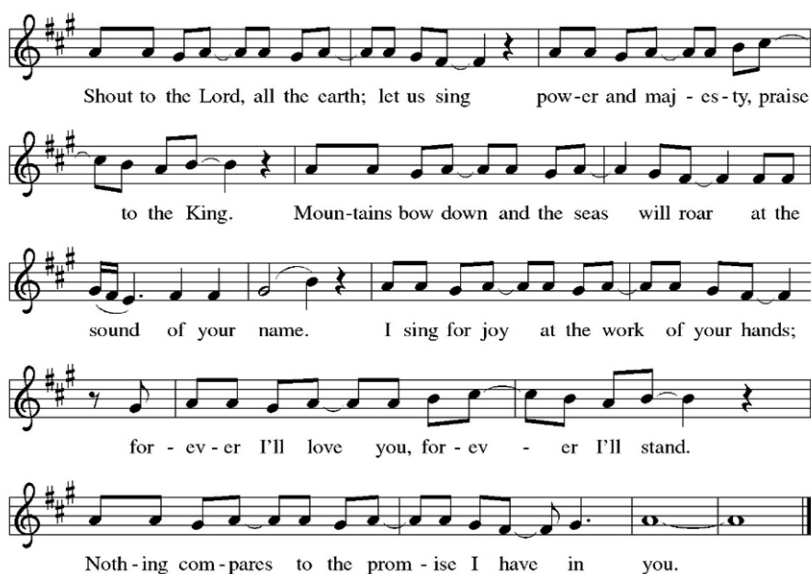
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

SHOUT TO THE LORD

ELW 821



Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow-er and maj-es-ty, praise
to the King. Moun-tains bow down and the seas will roar at the
sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
for-ev-er I'll love you, for-ev-er I'll stand.
Noth-ing com-pares to the prom-ise I have in you.

Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sit

Children leave for Children's Church

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13) (read responsively)

¹ Sing to the LORD | a new song;
sing to the LORD, | all the earth.

² **Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.**

³ Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.

⁴ **For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised,
more to be feared | than all gods.**

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.

⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.

⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the LORD.**

⁹ Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, | all the earth.

[¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: "The | LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge
the peo- | ples with equity."**

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that | is
therein.

¹² Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming,
O LORD,
for you come to judge the earth.
¹³ You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL: **Matthew 22:15-22**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

CHILDREN RETURN FROM CHILDREN'S CHURCH

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic* church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**that is, the true, universal Christian church of all times and places*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share the peace.

Sit

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERTORY GOD WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING PAUL BOUMAN

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OFFERING WE ARE AN OFFERING ELW 692

WE LIFT OUR VOICES, WE LIFT OUR HANDS,
WE LIFT OUR LIVES UP TO YOU, WE ARE AN OFFERING.
LORD, USE OUR VOICES, LORD USE OUR HANDS,
LORD, USE OUR LIVES, THEY ARE YOURS,
WE ARE AN OFFERING, WE ARE AN OFFERING.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.
Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

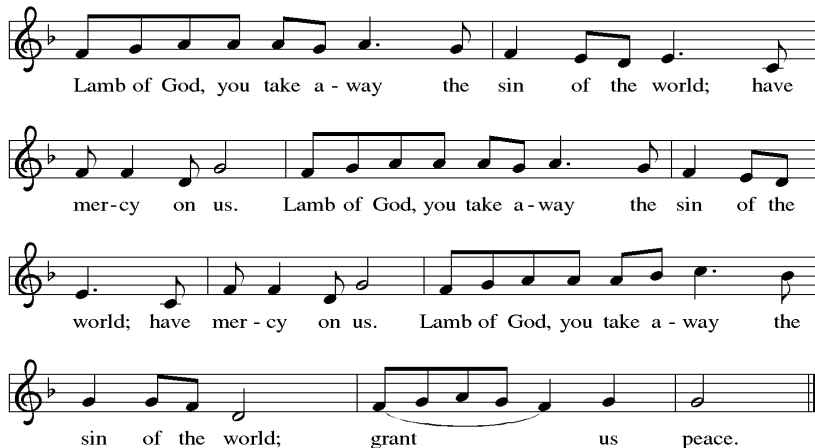
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD *REMAIN STANDING*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Following the direction of the ushers, form a circle to receive communion. The bread, cup, and wine will be brought to you. Grape juice and gluten free options are available—tell the usher. After being communed, please return to your seat.

After all have communed, stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING

ELW 880

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

JACOB B. WEBER

CIRCLE OF PRAYER - Hunter Leisey, John Frantz, Ed Miller, John Wesner, Jeff Kappenstein, Nettie Kreiner, Clair Sweigart, Faith Moyer, Michael A. Crowther, Reba Ranck, Grace Ranck, Ray Fox, Gene Miller, Jean Wolf, Larry Wolf, Bobby Hershey, Marilyn Gelsinger, Edith Snyder, Teresa Sweigart, Mel and Troy Ulrich, Earl Myers, Elizabeth Sherman, Judy Habecker, Anna Rose Schannauer, Jerry Landis, Mary Beth Jenkins, Evelyn Gehman, Joan Leed, Ron Adams, Kevin Williams, Susan Levan, Gladys Eckenroad, Bonnie Koehle-Koon, Kathleen Troutman, Sally Bergman, Kevin Reimert, Pam Heisey, Connie Malafarina, Ted Heisey, Karen Klingensmith, Helen Werner, Cody Leisey, Michelle Moyer, Dianna Becker (Gockley's neighbor), Laurie Sauder, Sue Templin, Clyde Showalter, Ashley Milosek (friend of Cody and Aubrey Leisey), Pat Miller, Lucille Lorah, Leah Showalter (Louetta Franck's great niece), Mark Stoner, Robert Reaser, Laney Garrison, Sam Reimert, Llew Smith, Bob Shank, Sammy Hanna (friend of Ruth & Gaile), Pat Grove & Daphne, Aaron Gasparich (friend of Jenny Weitzel) and Tina Krall (friend of Larry and Sally Hagy) Greg and Jenn Rhodes (Connie Taylor's neighbor), Wanda Maxey, Chris Zander, Allison Kenawell, Margaret Kroh, Jason Stricker, Mike Sawyer (friend of Lee and Jodi Showalter), Linda and Dennis Mohn, Jen Sikie (sister of Terri Renninger), Keith Weinhold, (nephew of Linda and Shorty Ream and cousin of Beth Garrison), Melody Eckenroth (sister of Sue Kreitz's neighbor), Frank Sheets (friend of Connie and Jenner Taylor), and Steve and Karen Laudenslager, Lori Hartranft (cousin of Sue Kreitz's neighbor), Nettie Kreiner (John Frantz's sister) and Lori Page (Aubrey Leisey's Mom), Karen McCoy and Bindi Chojnacki (friends of Mark and Roslyn Bansner), Gene Ferrari, Hanna Shank (daughter of Liz Shank and granddaughter of Wanda Maxey), Ken Olson (Alan and Kathy Worley's brother in law), Ali Bender (friend of Josh and Beth Garrison), Sandra Haws, Bob Fry (neighbor of Randy and Pam Leisey), Lois Class, Joelle Perlic (Jonathan Gyorke's sister) Kathryn Miller, Bill McQuate and Nancy Leffler.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in memory of loved ones by Ken and Sam Reimert.

SANCTUARY CANDLE is given in memory of loved ones by a friend.

Other Readings for this Sunday

Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,

whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:

² I will go before you

and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;

³ I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.

⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷ I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

October 18, 2026

LECTIONARY 29

Undivided Loyalty

When Jesus holds up a coin in the marketplace and asks the Pharisees and Herodians, “Whose head is this and whose title?” (Matthew 22:20), he is asking a question not about money, taxes, or the Roman Empire—at least not directly. It is likely that the emperor’s title, printed on that coin, proclaimed the emperor’s divinity: an implicit question of loyalty. And when Jesus asks his hearers to give “to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s” (v. 21), he invites his hearers to decide where they will place their loyalty. What will they give to God? What belongs to the emperor?

We might ask ourselves the same question: Where do we place our loyalty? Where do we place our trust? In Jesus, we see an example: Jesus is loyal to us. Jesus is loyal to us when he teaches. Jesus is loyal to us when he bends down to wash his disciples’ feet. Jesus is loyal to us when he goes to the cross, dies, and rises again for us and for our salvation. Jesus is always loyal to us. Jesus is generous with us in pouring out grace upon grace for us. And we respond to Jesus’ loyalty and generosity with loyalty and generosity of our own.

Throughout our lives, we are empowered by the loyalty and generosity of Jesus to give to God the things that are God’s. We offer our resources for the good of our neighbors. We offer our time, investing in the work of the gospel in our communities and beyond. And we offer our very selves, pledging our undivided loyalty to Jesus, who is loyal to us first.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45AM

You are Welcome Here!

At Swamp Lutheran Church, *Grace is Spoken Here!* We welcome with full participation and inclusion all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, imprisonment, physical or mental health, socio-economic circumstances or anything that too often divides us. Together as one in the Spirit, our unity is in Jesus Christ.

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Week in the Parish (October 18 - 25)

October 18	8:30AM	Worship
October 18	9:45AM	Sunday School
October 18	11:00AM	Crop Walk
October 19	7:00PM	Bell Choir
October 20	7:00PM	Welcome Cmte
October 21	7:00PM	Church Council
October 21	6:00PM	Hybrid Bible Study
October 21	7:00PM	Choir
October 24	1-3:00PM	Pig Stomach

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 25	8:30AM	Worship
October 25	9:45AM	Sunday School
October 25	10:45AM	Communication Cmte
October 27	7:00PM	Cocalico Builders of Hope
October 28	6:00PM	Hybrid Bible Study
October 28	7:00PM	Choir
October 31	HALLOWEEN	
November 1	Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall Back)	
November 1	8:30AM	Worship
November 1	9:45AM	Sunday School
November 2	7:00PM	Bell Choir
November 3	7:00PM	Welcome Cmte
November 4	6:00PM	Hybrid Bible Study
November 4	7:00PM	Choir



Wreaths Across America Honor deceased US veterans on December 19th at Noon. Ceremony at Swamp Christian Fellowship followed by wreath laying at Swamp Cemetery. Sponsor a wreath for \$17. Fundraiser for SLY – see SLY table in Narthex. Checks payable to Swamp Lutheran Youth Group. Questions to Laraine Kramer 717-405-4047 or Kristin Gockley (SLY) 717-330-0628.

Greeter Schedule for Oct

18 Deb Kohl
25 Sue Ellen Knauer

Greeter Schedule for Nov

1 Jan Risser
8 Deb Sweigert
15 Jane Leshner
22 Denise Kidwell
29 Larry & Sally Hagy

Sound Schedule for Oct

18 Steve Laudenslager
25 Steve Laudenslager

Sound Schedule for Nov

1 Steve Laudenslager
8 Steve Laudenslager
15 Steve Laudenslager
22 Steve Laudenslager
29 Steve Laudenslager

Coffee Schedule for Oct

18 Randy Gockley
25 Pam Leisey

Coffee Schedule for Nov

1 Denise Kidwell
8 Deb Sweigert
15 John Frantz
22 Randy Gockley
29 Pam Leisey

Video Schedule for Oct

18 John Frantz
25 Josh Garrison

Video Schedule for Nov

1 Alan Worley
8 John Frantz
15 Josh Garrison
22 Alan Worley
29 John Frantz

DAILY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Mon Oct 19 Psalm 98 Daniel 3:1-18 Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20
Tues Oct 20 Psalm 98 Daniel 3:19-30 Revelation 18:21-24
Wed Oct 21 Psalm 98 Daniel 6:1-28 Matthew 17:22-27
Thurs Oct 22 Psalm 1 Numbers 5:5-10 Titus 1:5-16
Fri Oct 23 Psalm 1 Deuteronomy 9:25—10:5 Titus 2:7-8, 11-15
Sat Oct 24 Psalm 1 Proverbs 24:23-34 John 5:39-47

UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS

Sun Oct 25 Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 Psalm 1 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46

FLOWERS: If you would like to sponsor a Sunday for the flowers or candle in 2026, please contact Sue Kreitz at 717-283-9444 or John Frantz at 717-606-8994.

FOOD BANK – Needs of the food bank are ongoing and need replenished monthly. There is a need for rice, noodles, pasta, mac & cheese, canned chicken, tuna, spam, soup, toilet paper and paper towels. Please check for a current expiration date. Thank you for helping as you are able. We distribute on the 2nd Wed each month.

ACTION FUND – Donations are sought for Swamp Action Fund to help the needy in our community. Write “Action Fund” in the comment line of your check payable to Swamp Lutheran Church.



To our **knitters and crocheters**, please focus on prayer shawls. When you finish, please bring it to church and leave it in the library. *THANK YOU for supporting this church ministry.*

Disaster Trip. A group from the area will be returning to Asheville, NC to continue to help with disaster clean up. This trip will take place from November 15-21. The group has already been assembled, however there are other ways in which to help. Anyone wishing to help can give gift cards to Lowe’s, Home Depot or Walmart. Or if you wish, you could write a check payable to LDR Carolinas. This will be the groups 27th trip and the third trip to Asheville. See Missy Ragan, Nancy McQuate, or Denise Kidwell with any questions! Thank you for your support!

POINSETTIAS -It is that time of the year again to consider your holiday orders for poinsettias. Jodi Showalter (717-413-7149) will be handling the orders. Jodi or the church office should be contacted with questions. The following information needs to be provided. Deadline for ordering is November 29th.

NAME _____ Phone Number _____

Poinsettias RED _____ WHITE _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Swamp Needs Your Help!
Tell Pastor Scott if you can help or want to learn more
Most pressing needs include:

Communion Extender: We need helpers to take communion to our homebound members. Training provided.

Choir: We welcome singers for Swamp's Chancel Choir.

Bell Choir: Ringers needed for this music ministry.

Learning Committee: We could use new committee members interested in fostering the faith of our disciples, both young and old.

SLY: We need additional leaders on our team to guide this ministry.

Sunday School teachers: Helpers and teachers needed.

Worship Committee: We can always use fresh perspectives on worship.

Generosity Committee: We need additional disciples to help promote generosity to God's work at Swamp.

Property Committee: We need help attending to the property needs of Swamp. Consider adopting a flower bed to maintain or giving of a skill (electrician, plumbing, carpentry, painting, etc.).

Attention Thrivent Financial Members. The Thrivent "Action Teams" program is an opportunity for Thrivent members to lead projects that provide service and outreach to the community. Thrivent Financial will provide funds of \$250 for each project to get started and pay for associated expenses. You may request two grants per year. Swamp Lutheran has many needs, like the monthly food pantry, events, etc. that qualify under this program. If you wish to direct your grant request to help with Swamp Lutheran's activities, please reach out to Lori Gockley who will assist you with the process. Email: lgockley2@gmail.com or call 717-203-8551

Swamp Lutheran Gift Cards for Christmas. Checks payable to Swamp Lutheran Church. Orders due November 22 and delivered November 29. Place order sheet with payment in the collection plate, in Secretary's mailbox by the office, or give it to Missy Ragan. Questions Missy Ragan 717-314-5658.